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Fire strikes fraternity house

by Janet A. Brindle
News Editor

Although wreckage and ashes of fires which severely damaged the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at 718 Charlotte Ave. are all that is seen by the casual observer, the spirits of the 14 fraternity members who lived in the house are still burning.

The fire, which broke out at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, completely destroyed two rooms of the house. Rock Hill Fire Chief Charles Tucker said the fire was caused by an electrical short in an upstairs bedroom. He estimated that \$10,000 in fire, smoke and water damage occurred.

A second fire, which burned through the attic of the house, began at 1:30 a.m. Monday and caused fire damage to the attic and water damage to other rooms of the house.

Samples of debris from the

house have been sent to the S.C. Law Enforcement Division in Columbia for tests. These tests will determine whether or not petroleum-based products might have been used to start the blaze.

The house is covered by insurance.

"The national magazine of the fraternity, 'The Record,' is asking for donations from other chapters in the nation," MaKinster said.

President of the organization, Brett Martzke, said that moral support among the organization has been a key to getting through the past couple of days.

"The exam situation is difficult," Martzke said. "So much is going on and non-stop phone calls, meetings with people and talking to each other has made it nearly impossible to even pick up a book."

Martzke said the brothers

would do as much as they could do to repair the house, but with the amount of damage done, it would be hard to be in after break.

"Of course we want to be optimistic about the rebuilding," Martzke said. "If we don't get back into the house, we might get an apartment or another house until it is done."

Both MaKinster and Martzke said the university had been very helpful to the entire fraternity.

Chris Kirkpatrick, of Lexington, Ky., and junior Lathan Gettys lost their books, clothes, furniture and personal belongings in the fire. Other members' property suffered smoke and water damage to some of their belongings.

Student Development Coordinator Cynthia Volker said the community and the university have been extremely supportive.



Photo by Rob Ouzts

The SAE house on Charlotte Ave. has police lines drawn.

"All kinds of people have been volunteering clothes, toothbrushes and necessities to the guys," Volker said. "Other fraternities and sororities have been helping them a lot."

The bookstore has loaned the fraternity members books so that they can study for final exams and the men are being housed in vacant rooms in Richardson until the end of the semester.



Photo by Amy Powell

Onlookers get into the Christmas spirit in front of Bancroft, which won the campus decoration contest during the Christmas festival.

Family holiday traditions widespread

Heather Davis
Staff Writer

The guest rooms are ready. Every grandparent, aunt, uncle, and cousin within a 200-mile radius is on the way to your house.

Christmas time is here.

For many students at Winthrop the holiday season is a time to spend with their families. When asked what

their holiday traditions are, driving to grandmom's house and having the relatives visit are the most popular responses from students.

"On Christmas day, my relatives drive in from everywhere," Jennifer Rhinehart, a junior from Rock Hill, said. "My family saves special announcements for that time. My brother announced his engagement on

Christmas day last year."

Nick Harrison, a junior from Fort Mill, drives with his family to Virginia. There they visit from house to house and see all the relatives. "Then we spend the week after Christmas recuperating," Harrison said.

In Jodie Luhn's family, all

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SGA committee faces adversity

Allocation process questioned

by Alvin McEwen
Staff Writer

An intense debate on organizational funding dominated Monday night's Senate meeting held in Dinkins Auditorium.

The Association of Ebonites (AOE) had originally asked for \$15,646 in a requisition submitted to Senate. Its allocation was reduced to \$1,800 by SGA.

"If AOE does not get ample funding, then the cultural diversity that Winthrop prides itself on will go down the drain," Tiffany Spann, a member of AOE said.

AOE is a campus organization that caters to minority student interests. It provides social as well as educational opportunities for minority students.

Spann said AOE is the only organization on campus that addresses the needs of minority students on Winthrop campus.

Spann and three other AOE members present were

unhappy about the fact that they received the same amount as the Winthrop chapter of the NAACP. The NAACP had asked for \$9,171.80. SGA also reduced its allocation to \$1,800.

Kevin Calhoun, an SGA senator, said he does not see the rationale in giving the two organizations the same amount of money because AOE has more members. Senator Lee Hall agreed.

"NAACP does not have the number of members the Ebonites has," Hall said.

Pipkins also said he has the perception that the two organizations were given equal amounts of money because they are both black organizations.

Frances Elvington, head of the Student Allocations Committee, which gives funds to campus organizations, said this was not the case.

Elvington said the two organizations were given the same amount of money because they both asked for so much.

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Where did Santa come from?

Holiday customs from other lands

by Latisha Brownlee
Staff Writer

The night before Christmas, while walking through most houses, the wonders of Christmas will be visible. Stockings may be hung by the chimney and the candles may be dressed in holly. Visions of red and green may illuminate from the blinking lights of the tree.

Christmas, despite the many changes and modernizations since its origin, has maintained many of the traditions of its spiritual significance.

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday. Almost everyone knows it is the annual festival of the birth of Jesus Christ. What everyone may not know is why we celebrate the way many of us do.

Although many homes will contain modern decorations, most will also have a Christmas tree, stockings, bells, holly and much more of the traditional decor.

"Christmas has really been commercialized more so in the past two years," sophomore Kenneth Noble said. "I ignore all the hoopla and still manage to get in the spirit when I see all of the pretty holiday colors everywhere."

The evergreens represent the things that are higher and holier than things of which we know. The color adds sanctity present in holly, ivy, mistletoe

and rosemary.

The holly is the most sacrosanct. Its dark green, spiny leaves have tiny, bright red berries along the center. These berries represent the blood drops which the cruel crown of thorns drew from the Savior.

One well-known Christmas evergreen brings romance to the season.

The mistletoe represents friendship and love shared through the season.

The kissing part may have been inspired by an 1835 poem written by Duncan Gray. In his poem, two lovers find their first kiss while standing beneath the mistletoe.

Another celebrated Christmas tradition is the hanging of the Christmas stocking. The stockings were used to catch the gifts St. Nicholas dropped down the chimney. Shoes were used in the regions of France and Germany. Shoes played an important part of ancient folk lore.

An old German custom was to place them upside down at the foot of the bed as a protection against nightmares. Shoes and stockings were put near the fireplace to drive away evil spirits. One lucky night St. Nicholas dropped his purse down a chimney and it went in the stocking avoiding the hearth.

Everyone will hear many Christmas carols between now and Christmas.

"I love Christmas carols," senior Jeff Hayes said. "They make you feel happy inside. The singing brings back joyful memories of Christmases with special people."

The word carol gets its origin from the French word "caroler." It means to sing and dance in a ring. The songs of Christmas represent harmony and joy. In ancient times the people expressed their joy by traveling and caroling. Caroling is practiced often today by people wishing to spread Christmas cheer.

"Singing Christmas carols puts me in a good mood," senior Eddie Alewine said. "I don't go carolling anymore but I used to when I was little."

Throughout the holiday season, efforts to make it joyous will be seen in the decorations of people everywhere. Whether traditional or modern, the celebration of Christmas remains the most popular holiday in the country.



Photo by Amy Powell

Teatime?

Sophomore Tracy Amick shops for teapots, vases and other pottery items at the annual Christmas pottery sale which was held Dec. 4 in the ceramics studio in the basement of Rutledge.

Fall '93 commencement: Speaker discusses jobs

by Denise Stubbs
News Writer

The speaker for the commencement exercises will get to the heart of the seniors concerns on job opportunities.

Rudy Mancke, director of science and nature programming for South Carolina Educational Television, will give the commencement address, entitled "To See a World."

Mancke will offer clues to students to help them find their own place in the world through sharing his experience with them.

He said that he never was certain he would find a job paying him to be a naturalist.

Mancke's educational contributions have been recog-

nized and awarded by the National Wildlife Federation, Phi Kappa Delta, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Governor's Award for Excellence was received by Mancke in 1991.

Mancke received the first South Carolina Environmental Awareness Award this year, which was established by the S.C. General Assembly in order to recognize outstanding contributions toward conservation of the state's natural resources.

Catherine Holmes, director of career services, said the job outlook for seniors is "pretty good despite what the media says."

"Students still have to be

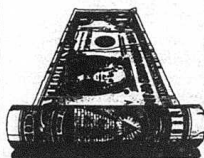
very aggressive when looking for a job," Holmes added, "but there are job opportunities available."

Holmes said that more seniors are going to graduate school because they feel they will not be able to find a job.

Career Services offers help to students through the "How to Get a Job" mini-courses and other services that are offered. Holmes said that Career Services will train students how to network because networking works 85 percent of the time as opposed to want-ads, which only works 5 percent of the time.

December commencement exercises will be held on Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at the coliseum.

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Bookstore offers book reserving

by Danielle L. Kiracofe
News Writer

A new way to beat the rush is to reserve the books your classes require for next semester now in the Winthrop University Bookstore.

According to Lee Ann Johnson, manager of the Winthrop University Bookstore, the staff are trying more creative ways to make buying books at the beginning of the semester easier and more fun. Included with the idea of reserving books in advance was the "Midnight Madness Sale," held during the start of Fall semester. "Midnight Madness"

could take place again Fall semester 1994.

Johnson believes reserving books is easier for students because the books are waiting for the student to pick up at the beginning of the semester keeping them from a mad dash around the store looking for books.

Current freshmen were given the first chance at this new idea during Orientation '93. Forms were distributed and close to 400 students took advantage of the opportunity.

"Reserving books went over real well," Johnson said. "No one really voiced any negative

opinions."

The process of reserving textbooks is simple. Simply mail or bring a book reservation by the bookstore filled out with the classes for Spring semester.

These are available in the bookstore.

Forms which say "For Fall" are being reused to save paper.

Over winter break the bookstore staff will find the books and they will be available to be picked up the first week of school.

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Political Science chair Glen T. Broach rides to class.
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Computer deal RHNH, Winthrop team up

by Janet A. Brindle
News Editor

In order to provide Winthrop's students with an opportunity to stay up to date in today's world of technology, Winthrop's Information Management Division and Rock Hill National Bank have teamed up to provide students with computers at reduced prices.

Director of the program, Taylor Glass, said, "Students will need to be proficient in computers when they graduate."

"Having a computer in the room will also be beneficial to students who can't go to the A.C.C. or another lab," Glass said. "And these are affordable. The prices on these machines are excellent."

Winthrop has established a special financing program through RHNH. Only currently enrolled students or faculty and staff may participate

in the program, as long as they are approved credit.

Students can call the Computer User Support Department at 323-2400 for assistance in compiling a system and completing an order form for equipment and software.

Sabrina Meek, Branch Manager and loan officer of RHNH said, "We do accept co-signers if students do not have an adequate income to be accepted by themselves."

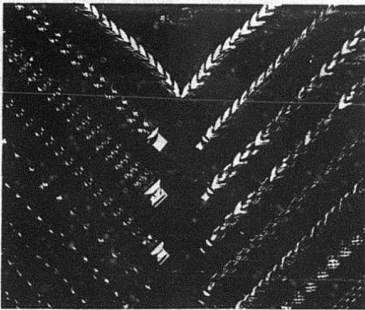
She also said that the adequate income rate would be based on what the debts are.

"We are proud that we can offer such a low rate and work with the University to provide a service for the students and faculty," Meek said.

The plan offers an annual rate of 11.9 percent with a term of up to 24 months.

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11-22-93 Petty Larceny

Complainant stated that during the above date, person(s) took her bike from under the staircase at Johnson Hall. The bike, described as a 19 year old burgundy Centurion, was not locked because it was inside the building.

11-29-93 Burglary from Auto

Complainant stated that someone entered his vehicle, a 1990 blue Saturn, by breaking the driver side window. Once inside, suspects stole a radar detector.

11-30-93 Vandalism

Complainant stated that unknown person(s) used an unknown object to scratch the trunk of her car. The car was parked in the RD parking space at Phelps.

11-30-93 Trespass Warning Issued

An officer was dispatched to loading dock at Thomson Cafeteria about a suspicious person. Complainant stated subject was an ex-boyfriend and had made several threats in the past. The officer found the subject walking behind the A.C.C. lab. The subject stated that he only wished to speak with complainant. The officer advised the subject this was not possible due to complications in the past. Subject was issued a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

11-30-93 Burglary from Auto

Officer was dispatched about a complainant stating she went to her car about 8:30 and saw her driver's window busted out. Upon further investigation, it was found that her car phone and radar detector had been stolen.

12-1-93 Harassing Phone Calls

Complainant stated she received several phone calls from the subject while on her at Thomson Cafeteria. Complainant stated she answered the first call and subject stated if she didn't come over to his house then he would come to her work place. Several other calls were made and taken by the complainant's manager. Subject did go to her work place on 11-30-93 and was given a trespass warning by the Officer.

12-1-93 Burglary

Victim stated during the above date that an unknown person(s) stole 15 dollars from her wallet. The only other person in the room at that time was her friend.

12-2-93 Broken Window

Officer was dispatched to Sims and spoke with the subject who stated that while painting windows, the chair she was standing on fell and her foot accidentally broke the window when she fell. The physical plant fixed the window.

12-2-93 Petty Larceny

Complainant stated he was studying in a room at the third floor of Thurmond when he had to leave for a few minutes. When he returned, two of his books were missing. Complainant found that someone had been to the bookstore to sell the books and contacted officials. Officer talked with David Parrish at the Bookworm stated the subject had tried to sell several books over the last few weeks but none of the books were being bought back. Parrish stated that he did not know subject's name at this time but would obtain same upon his next visit. The Winthrop Bookstore were notified and given description of subject.



Photo by Amy Powell

Feasting!

Winthrop students and residents of the Rock Hill community enjoyed a trip to the past during the eighth annual Madrigal Feast which was sponsored by the music fraternity and sorority, Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omi Crom. The feast was held in McBryde on Dec. 2 and 3.

Peer leaders needed

AIDS awareness group to teach, inform campus

by Janet A. Brindle
News Editor

Four years ago, one in every 500 college students was diagnosed with AIDS. Two years ago the number changed to one in 200 students. This year, the number has changed to one student in 95.

Vicky Baroody, coordinator of student health and wellness services, has decided that it is time to do something about these statistics on Winthrop's campus.

"This is a problem that we must deal with," Baroody said. "Students' lives depend on it."

Baroody plans to start a student peer education program which will promote AIDS awareness on campus.

"This program has been a dream of mine ever since I got here in 1987," Baroody said.

She said other schools including Clemson, University

of South Carolina, Appalachian State and University of Arkansas have tried similar programs which have been very effective.

"That is because students listen to other students," Baroody said.

The student group, which will be made up of eight people, will wear T-shirts in order to be recognizable.

The group will also be marketed through pamphlets and brochures.

The students will go through a training session and will be expected to meet with Baroody at least once a week.

She is looking for students who are professional, versatile and motivated. In addition, those who are interested in the issue of AIDS education and prevention and can speak in front of a group are crucial to the program.

Baroody said programs will begin next semester and while exposure may not be great at first, she hopes that it will grow with time.

Educators will also discuss the fact that a confidential AIDS testing at Crawford Health Center is only \$5.

"I hope to have an AIDS awareness week during the week of Valentine's Day," Baroody said. "It used to be called 'Love carefully week,' but I think we need to change the focus this year."

Although the volunteers will not receive a paycheck, Baroody feels that it would be a good opportunity for a teaching experience, a chance to educate people about an important subject and a resume builder.

For more information about the group or to offer ideas or support, contact Vicki Baroody at ext. 2206.

Home Sweet Homeless IV raises money for shelter

by Heather Davis
Staff Writer

Home Sweet Homeless IV, a 24-hour vigil and fundraiser sponsored by Action for Food, collected over \$900 for the women and children of Pilgrim's Inn and gave 32 Winthrop students a small taste of what it is like to be homeless.

The students built a cardboard shanty town on the lawn of Dinkins and lived out of their boxes for 24 hours. They collected donations for the homeless shelter at intersections along Oakland Ave.

Action for Food, a student organization dedicated to the fight against poverty in the local and global community, coordinated the event.

Heather Heusinger, a sophomore from Ladson, SC, and a member of Action for Food, said, "Our main goal was to raise funds for Pilgrim's Inn. Our second goal was to raise the awareness of students and the community so that people do not think of homelessness as someone else's problem."

The event took place on Nov. 21-22, 1993.

After spending the night in the cold, Candice Morgan, a sophomore from Greenville, realized how difficult it is for children in school who do not have stable homes. "I went to class after staying out in my box and I kept falling asleep," she said. "I just could not pay attention."

Amy Gardner, a sophomore from Florida, huddled closer to a warm fire barrel as she said, "I realize that there are people that actually have to live their lives like this. Before anyone criticizes the homeless, they should spend the night in a box."



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SGA

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She said that SGA has only approximately \$8000 left to give funds to campus organizations. She also said that in a proportional sense, the Ebonites have more funding than NAACP.

According to the SGA newsletter, "The Link," the Ebonites were given \$8,265 in funds. The NAACP did not submit a requisition and therefore did not get funded.

The NAACP had no representatives present at the meeting last night.

SGA Vice President Allen Nason said given the amount of money that SGA has left, they cannot give one organization over \$2,000. Nason also said that with the \$1,800, the Ebonites would have been given over \$10,000. He said this is one third of the money SGA gives to campus organizations.

Spann said it was not fair

to AOE to be given the same amount of money as the NAACP because AOE does much more on campus. She also said that the NAACP is a national organization and can get funds from their branch office.

Hall also agreed with her. He said that the Student Allocations committee is the only place where AOE can get ample funding, while the NAACP has another avenue.

"They (NAACP) are going to get funded someplace or another," Wall said.

Spann expressed her opinions and when Nason asked her to end her discussion she disagreed.

"It is not for you to say because you are not God," Spann told Nason.

This exchange brought criticism from some of the senators.

"This is a tough process," senator Andrew Hendrix said, "but I don't like the tone of this

debate going on."

The \$1,800 allocations for AOE and the NAACP were both passed through second reading.

Elvington said she thought this was the best way to handle the situation. She also said she knows that AOE has more members, but SGA cannot neglect the funding of other organizations.

"This senate body needs to start looking for more funds for student activities if they want student activities to remain vital," Pipkins said.

In the same meeting, SGA Senate also passed the allocations for the Biology Club and the Social Work Club through second reading.

It also passed allocations for Circle K, Economics Club, the Marine Science Association and the Association of Computing Machinery through first reading.

News briefs

New chair of Partners in Progress

Paul A. Walker, executive director of Piedmont Medical Center, will serve as chair for Winthrop University's Partners in Progress campaign.

At a kick-off breakfast this morning Walker formally accepted the chairmanship that was held by Dr. Elvin F. Walker, president and general manager of Bowater Incorporated-Carolina Division, who led last year's campaign.

"We are pleased that Paul has accepted this important role in the Partners in Progress campaign," Winthrop President Anthony J. DiGiorgio said. "He is a recognized leader in our community and I am certain with his guidance and support, this year's campaign will be most successful."

Walker said Winthrop University is a tremendous asset to the Rock Hill community.

"I am a strong advocate for Winthrop," Walker said. "I will do anything I can to help the university grow academically."

Walker holds a master's degree in health administration from Duke University.

Each year since 1986, the Rock Hill area business community has united to demonstrate its support for Winthrop through the Partners in Progress campaign. Volunteers from local businesses reaffirm the community's commitment to the University through their donations. Funds raised through the campaign are used to fund scholarships for full-time students. Last year, Partners in Progress raised money for 27 scholarships.

Museum hours changed

The Museum of York County is now open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. On Sundays, it is open from 1-5 p.m.

Volunteers needed for reception

The commencement Committee needs people to help with a pre-commencement reception for graduating senior, their families and guests.

Volunteers are asked to represent the University by helping to serve refreshments, greeting graduates, their families and guests.

For more information contact Joyce Kenney, ext. 2225.

HOLIDAYS

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the grandchildren go to the their grandparents' house on Christmas Eve and her grandfather reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the entire family.

Luhn, a sophomore from Charleston, said, "I look forward to that time to spend

with all my cousins, whom I usually haven't seen since summer vacation."

Other traditional Christmas activities, like shopping and decorating the house, allow students time to spend with their families.

Doug Kline, a sophomore from Rock Hill, and his

father put up the family's nativity scene together every year. Tamika Jones, a freshman from Columbia, looks forward to doing her holiday shopping with her family.

Winthrop students are a part of varied traditions during the holiday season.



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Help SAE brothers

The 14 Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers who have been displaced by a fire at their fraternity house need everyone's help to get through this last week of the semester.

Some of the house's residents lost clothing and books and notes valuable to them because exams are coming up. Some know the horror of losing your belongings in a fire. Others could never begin to understand.

When one experiences such a loss, it is always nice when others pitch in to help them out.

The Winthrop community should do all it can to help out these fellow students. They will need our help to get through exams. If you have one of these students in one of your classes, help them out with some notes. Make dates for study sessions if they have lost their books.

Give a little of yourself this holiday season.

Be careful over holiday season

The holiday season is upon us. It has been since we heard the first carol and saw the first Christmas decorations go up, oh, around Halloween.

Exams will soon be over and Christmas break officially begun.

But the excitement of Christmas break, coupled with a holiday mood, can too often be a dangerous combination.

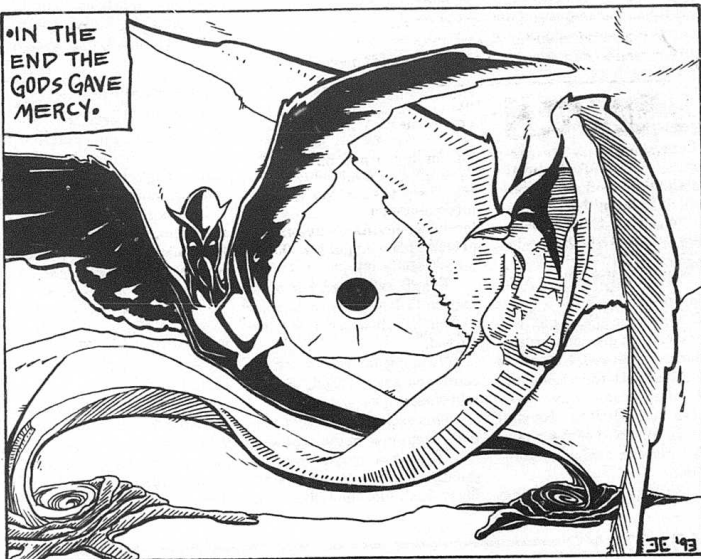
Drunken driving infractions increase markedly this time of year. Just driving through your neighborhood can be deadly if a party-goer who didn't know when to quit comes to a screeching halt in the side of your car.

We ask that everyone exercise caution when drinking this holiday season. If you anticipate that you will be in no condition to drive home, take a cab. Many taxi companies will offer free rides during the holidays. There's no shame in being responsible.

If you are throwing a party, please remember that you are responsible for making sure people arrive home safely. If possible, offer overnight lodging for those who are intoxicated. It is also a good idea to take up keys at the door and have someone who is not drinking be responsible for deciding who is in driving condition.

Those who drink are not the only ones who should exercise caution. Be a defensive driver. Look out for other people's mistakes. Also be on the look-out when crossing the street or walking in parking lots. The holiday rush could land you in the hospital.

Remember, we want everyone to come back to Winthrop next semester.



Letters to the editor

Student finds no problem with minority newsletter

Dear Editor,

This letter is in support of Alvin McEwen, editor of the Roddey-McMillan Record. During the fall term, I have enjoyed the paper immensely. I find the editor's focus to be totally appropriate for what the paper should be about. Creating an alternative paper from The Johnsonian, Mr. McEwen has welcomed all on campus as participants, blacks, whites, gay, straight, women, men, even those who oppose political correctness.

I find Mr. McEwen to be a very open-minded, fair and interesting young man. I look forward to seeing him rise through the years as a journalist.

His publication is provocative, well-written and at times delightfully funny. I look for-

ward to it each month and read it thoroughly.

To criticize this young rising star, as Mr. Roddey and Mr. McMillan have done this term is appalling. They don't seem to understand what this paper is all about. They have forgotten that this is a college, where citizens, particularly they younger men and women in the Winthrop community, may take chances, try new formats, experiment. The two alumnae have also forgotten that all of the students contribute to the success of the publication through student fees, mandated by the college administration.

Roddey and McMillan complain that the format is not the way they want it. They are not the publishers nor the owners. They threaten to withdraw

their names. Let them. They criticize this young man for not including enough black students as part of the newspaper staff. It is not the responsibility of the editor to plead to black students to learn about journalism. Furthermore, this is a demand for a quota, a poor form of racism.

I applaud Mr. McEwen for his tact and coolness in the face of unjustified meddling from established alumnae who ought to know better. They ought to reevaluate their childishness and recognize this fine man for the strengths he has exhibited and in particular for his mature handling of this unwanted political correctness.

This is a school for learning new things, not a forum of propaganda.

Scott Grubel

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Think of others at Christmas

Exam - that four letter word that makes even the most courageous student cringe. December - that time of month that the cold air blows on your ears and makes your ear lobes freeze and makes you squint your eyes in the morning while you walk to class.

Together, they make an extremely stressful combination. Especially with no MTV to study with.

It's finally here, the end of the semester. All that's left are finals. But, hey, you already know that, right? And after finals are Christmas holidays. One of my favorite times of the year.

As this semester ends, I just want to remind everyone to remember Christmas as it is supposed to be remembered. I'm not talking about just the

C.J. Lamb

Galactic Perspectives & Universal Truths

religious aspects, I mean as the season of togetherness and sharing. This year, more than any other, I've seen Christmas so commercialized that it's sickening.

Do something this year that's special. Take some canned goods down to the Pilgrim's Inn. Donate \$10 to a local charity. Drop a fiver in the bucket the Salvation Army people carry. Just do something to make Christmas meaningful.

Go out of your way and help someone this year. It's fun to give and receive presents, but to give help to some-

one that truly needs it is by far a greater gift.

Before we conclude this year, I would like to wish the SAE's the best. I was sorry to hear that their house burned down, along with a lot of their schoolwork. This is terrible news, especially here at exam time. Good luck guys.

On a little brighter side, rumors are circulating that Winthrop may be getting MTV next year. Also in the rumor bag, Winthrop may be getting a satellite dish. Whoa Momma! MTV... and more! Stay tuned next year, same bat channel, to see what unfolds.

That's a wrap for this year. Next time y'all read this column, it'll be 1994.

Good luck on exams, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and y'all be cool!

Announcing...

This column is for the use of the entire Winthrop community in making announcements. This is a free service to all, but some restrictions on content will be enforced. The serving of alcohol will not be announced in conjunction with any event in any manner. Announcements are due in The Johnsonian office by noon Friday before publication. The announcement should include the name and phone of a contact person. The Johnsonian staff reserves the right to not print announcements that are felt to be inappropriate and to place announcements as it deems appropriate. Announcements may be edited for space. All announcements should be type-written or legible if hand-written. We reserve the right to edit announcements.

Announcements

•Students who are current recipients of Financial Aid should expect to receive the new Renewal Application for the 1994-95 term. It looks like a SAR and will be sent to the student's permanent address by late November or December. Students should follow all directions carefully and submit the Renewal Application after Jan. 1—not before. For more information stop by the Financial Resource Center.

•Students are encouraged to stop by the Financial Resource Center and pick up information and an application for the Datatel Scholarship. The Datatel Scholarship is open to full-time or part-time graduate and undergraduate students. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500. Applications and support materials must be completed and returned to the Financial Resource Center by Feb. 11, 1994.

•Action for Food would like to thank all of those involved in the success of Home Sweet Homeless IV. Your participation helped raise awareness of the homeless problem and almost \$1,000 for Pilgrim's Inn.

Club News

•Model League of Arab States members—don't forget our meetings on Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m. in the conference room, third floor Bancroft. Have read and be prepared to discuss the readings.

•Alpha Lambda Delta members—are watching your mailboxes for announcements regarding upcoming meetings, service projects and social events. Call Jay Karen at 4497 for more information.

•Get involved at Winthrop by learning about and taking action against issues

such as hunger and homelessness. Action for Food meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and business. We will be involved with projects such as the Crop Walk and Oxfam Fast. If interested, please call Jay Karen at 4497 or Heather Heusinger at 3203.

•Congratulations to the new Action for Food Spring 1994 officers:

President, Heather Heusinger; Vice President, Casey Long and Publicity Chair, Anne Wallin.

•The Iota chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity would like to welcome its new members:

Rhonda Carter, June Hoang, Sabina Ray, Kristyn Robinson and LaQuinta Smalls.

We would also like to congratulate and wish good luck to our graduating senior Jennifer Baxley.

•The Screamin' Eagles would like to announce officers and committee members.

President, Keith Bradley; Vice President, Candice Williamson; Group consultant, Byron Putman; Secretary, Kim Baker; Treasurer, Tamara Butler and Business manager, Gervoner Brown.

Central Spirit Committee: Heather Anderson, Melissa Blackwell, Crystal Carson, Carmen Coleman, Melissa Corn, Jennifer Graper, Meg Kelly, Tomika Natasha Law, Lauren Pottell, Drico Rutledge, Gina Smith, Heather Smith, Sara Teets and Yvonne Williams.

Fellowship Opportunities

•Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 9:19 p.m. in Peabody's lower gym. Fun, food, fellowship.

•Reformed University Fellowship meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Dinkins Auditorium. This is a non-denominational campus ministry. All students are invited to attend.

•Come join us for Bible study and fellowship at the Baptist Student Center every Thursday night at 8 p.m.

We're located on Oakland Avenue, right across from the President's House.

We also provide great dinners on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for \$2.50. Our theme this year is "Meeting students at the point of their need." Get involved.

•Lutheran/Episcopal Campus Ministry Club 527 (Luke 5:27 "Follow Me") Meets every Sunday evening at 5:27 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in the kitchen for Christ-centered fun, food, feasting, frivolity and fellowship, concluding with music, devotions and worship which are predominately student lead.

Bible study meets every Thursday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. (at the same location) for small group informational Bible study, looking at what God says about current issues and needs of those on campus and in our world. Lunch is provided. August-May.

•WESLEY/NEWMAN/WESTMINSTER has a reputation of being a place where we really care for one another and those around us. This group of Presbyterians (USA), United Methodists and Roman Catholics invite you to share worship and prayer, fellowship an meals, and explore social issues as we grow together in our understanding of each other, the world and its people. W/N/W meets each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for supper and a program at The Wesley Foundation, 406 Stewart Ave.

Greek News

•The sisters of ZTA would like to wish everyone good luck on exams and we're very excited about meeting our secret sorority at the Panhellenic exam breaker.

•The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon would like to announce the results of our officer elections:

Eminent Archon, Brett Martzke; Eminent Deputy Archon, J. Michael Smith; Eminent Treasurer, Lee Leslie; Eminent Recorder, Chris Jernigan; Eminent Warden, Scott Sambucci; Eminent Correspondent, Gary Baker; Eminent Chronicler, Joe Walkowiak; Eminent Chaplain, Sam Spurrier; Eminent Herald, Scott Whaley; Rush Chairman, David Matters; Pledge Educator, Donald Parker; Risk Management, Rich Batten; Social Chairman, Brian Gosey and Intramural Chairman, Bo Finley.

•Pi Kappa Phi would like to welcome its newest members—John Rickenbacker and Vicor Hill. We would also like to congratulate our new officers:

Greyson Yeargin, president; Howie Cobb, vice president; Gerard Oakley, treasurer; Michael Valenta, secretary; Scott Slatton, warden; Victor Hill, historian and John Keller, chaplain.

Many thanks to ΣΣΣ for a wonderful Headbanger's Ball. We can't wait to mix with you again next semester.

We welcome all young men to our house during formal rush in January. Come find out "Where the Wild Things Are."

•The brothers of Kappa Sigma would like to wish faculty, students and fellow Greeks a very merry Christmas. We hope that everybody will be able to relax and enjoy the break.

We are also proud to announce the initiation of our pledges from pledgehood to brothers. On Nov. 20, five gentlemen were welcomed into Winthrop University's first fraternity.

We would like to congratulate them on this accomplishment and welcome them to brotherhood, a very powerful theme that is the key to Kappa

Sigma and to Greek Life. Our new brothers are:

Jerry Carner, Shane Hutto, Jay Karen, Kelvin Redmond and Dale Peebles.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity is anxious for a productive and rewarding spring semester.

If anyone would like to find out more information about a very positive and special group of brothers here at Winthrop, please feel free to call the Kappa Sigma house at 366-8464 or come to the IFC information nights Jan. 12 and 13.

RSA

•RSA meets every Monday night at 9:45 p.m. in Kinnard 204.

•The RSA video library is open. The hours of operation are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.

It is located in 143 West Thomson. The phone is ext. 3508.

Student Publications

•The Student Publications Office is located in the basement of Bancroft Hall and houses The Johnsonian, The Tatler, The Anthology and The Roddey McMillan Record. Phone ext. 3419 for The Johnsonian, The Anthology or the Roddey-McMillan Record and ext. 3418 for The Tatler.

•The Anthology is accepting submissions of poetry, fiction, essays, drama, line art and photography.

First Deadline is Dec 8. Final deadline is January 14.

Turn submissions in to our office in the Student Publications office, send them to WPO 6875 or call ext. 3577 for more information. (Limit three per name.)

•The Tatler is now taking orders for the '93-'94 yearbook. We also have '92-'93 books available.

Student finds drinking is not a problem solver

Last week I was drunk for the first time in my life. I won't really say I was totally drunk because my interpretation of drunk is acting out of control, irrational, and sloppy.

I almost fit the description, but luckily I can say I wasn't sloppy. For that reason, unless you were directly in contact with me, you may not have even noticed.

Although I'm only 19, drinking has been going on in my company for at least the last three years among my friends. None of my friends were heavy drinkers but they would experiment every now and then.

Me, I just said no. I was proud that I could say no. Although it looked fun, I was bigger and better than that.

Latisha Brownlee

Guest columnist

Upon coming to college, my views are less absolute. A couple of times I have tasted drinks, but until last week I had never been "drunk."

I have always seen drinking as a sorry excuse. Well maybe not all drinking. Wine and casual drinking is so so, but getting drunk—that's just not me. It's a scapegoat. An escape from your mental stabilities. Personally, I think it's a sorry excuse for a problem solver.

The week before my "experience" was the worse in my life. My Mom—actually my

grandmother—died unexpectedly. It has been very hard to deal with because she was my closest family member as well as my closest friend. I guess drinking served as my escape.

Throughout my "high" I didn't feel anything or think anything. I just talked and talked and talked about a whole bunch of nothing.

Later on that night/morning, I sat up and evaluated myself. I cried. I fussed. But now I realize what I must do: accept the reality, continue doing the best I can, and remaining optimistic.

All of my life I've been able to confront things head on. Absolutely. No regrets. No turning back. I was very disappointed in myself. I felt like a

sell-out to alcohol. These feelings lasted only a short while. Since my evaluation I have come to realize I had all the solutions inside.

Even though the road is hard sometimes, you have to keep climbing with your head towards the sky.

As Mom would say, "It always gets better." I truly believe that because it always has.

During my little drinking episode, I think I made many new friends and told all of my personal business.

Anyway, that's alright because right now I feel good about myself. I made a mistake and I am learning from it, trying to make a difference in my life. I believe that's what it's all about: living and learning.

**The
Johnsonian
will resume
publication
Jan. 12.
Have a
great
break!**

Inside SGA

How does student government work?

The Student Government Association is comprised of senators representing different factions of students. There are senators for on-campus students, off-campus students, non-traditional students and international students. The senate is also composed of five committees. Most of the senate work is done through committees. A look at each of these committees and their chairmen will offer a better perspective on how SGA functions.

Campus Review Committee

The Campus Review Committee is chaired by junior Emory Fullington, a biology/pre-pharmacy major.

The purpose of the committee is to charter new organizations and to make sure all active organizations are registered with the office of Student Activities. The committee also helps ensure that all organizations run smoothly throughout the year.

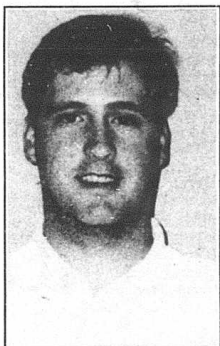
The most important function of the committee is "to get new organizations chartered and get them off to a successful start at Winthrop," Fullington said.

This semester, the Campus Review Committee has chartered seven new organizations and has compiled a list of inactive campus organizations.

Currently, the committee is tackling organization registration forms, making sure all active groups are registered with Student Activities.

Other committee members are Tonja Joosten, co-chair; James Veale, Dave Glaser and Jeff Busby.

One interesting project the committee has worked in this semester is a "profile card" to be used next semester. The cards will "inform inquiring students about the organization, from who is the president to dues to philanthropies," Fullington said.



Fullington

Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee is chaired by senior Andrew Hendrix, a history major.

The purpose of the committee is to oversee and approve any changes to the SGA Constitution and to provide support to the other senate committees.

The most important function of the committee is "protecting the Constitution," Hendrix said.

This semester, the Rules and Regulations Committee has worked with the Student Allocations Committee to approve changes in the allocations process. It has also worked to set up University Affairs as a standing committee and has investigated possible changes to the Student Judicial Board.

Other members of the committee are Kim Baker, Starr Singleton, Anne Malek, Darold Ratliff and Debra Markle, co-chair.

Hendrix said it's been interesting to see how student government functions from the inside. "I've enjoyed getting to know how SGA works. I think the students need to get more involved with what's going on at Winthrop. Don't let things just happen — do something about them," Hendrix said.



Hendrix

Student Life Committee

The Student Life Committee is chaired by sophomore Jay Karen, a history major.

The purpose of the committee is to build and pass legislation involving what students feel needs changed.

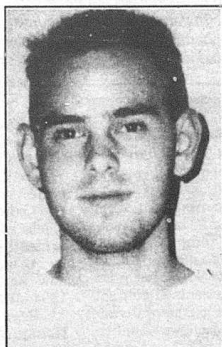
The most important function of the committee, Karen said, is "to serve as the ears of SGA and collect feedback from the student population so that we may produce positive change at Winthrop."

This semester, the Student Life Committee has been getting organized and has begun to pass legislation based on student feedback.

Currently, the committee is rebuilding and strengthening itself. Karen said the committee will soon be distributing questionnaires and making phone call regarding issues that students want to see changed.

Other committee members are Erin Lehman, co-chair, Allyson Cox, Scott Cornelison and Lathan Gettys.

Karen said student should be more involved with SGA. "I feel the student should utilize the senate and its abilities more. We are here for you. Use us," he said.



Karen

University Affairs Committee

The University Affairs Committee is chaired by junior Kevin Calhoun, a history major.

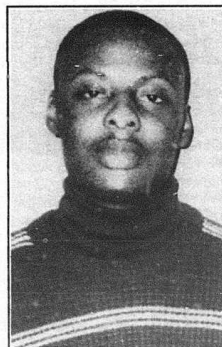
The purpose of the committee is to serve as a liaison between the students, SGA, the faculty and the administration and to promote a sense of community on the campus. The committee also addresses the concerns of each group as they pertain to the welfare of the students.

The most important function of the committee, Calhoun said, is "to aid in keeping an open relationship between different areas of the Winthrop community which was not done in the past."

"We also hope to aid in addressing issues which are important to all areas of life at Winthrop which have been ignored in the past," Calhoun said.

This semester, the University Affairs Committee was made a standing committee in conjunction with the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Other committee members are Claudia Sullivan, Heather Brubaker and Lee Hall, co-chair.



Calhoun

Student Allocations Committee

The Student Allocations Committee is chaired by junior Frances Elvington, a sociology major.

The purpose of the committee is to allocate funds from the student activity fees to various campus organizations.

The most important function of the committee, Elvington said, is "breaking down requisitions and allocating the necessary funds."

This semester, the committee allocated a total of \$16,643 to campus groups.

Currently, the committee is working on allocations for the spring semester.

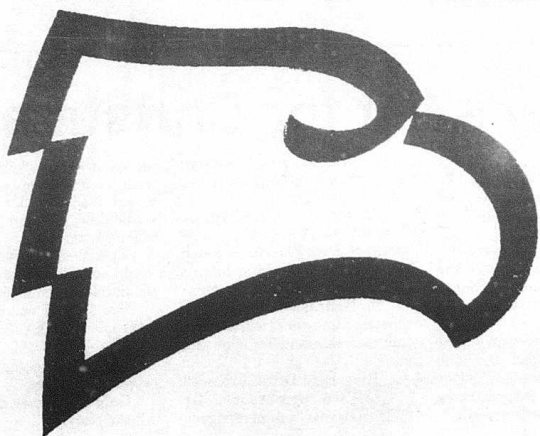
Other committee members are Ann McAdams, co-chair, Angie Rucker and Alan Moore.



Elvington

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"Serious Fun"



Happy Holidays
From Winthrop Athletics



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From left Sally, a restless rag doll, and Jack Skellington, the "Pumpkin King," are the main characters in Tim Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas." They are filmed in a state-of-the-art stop-motion technology.

'Nightmare Before Christmas' offers something for everyone

By Lee Belcher
Entertainment Editor
Director Tim Burton has done it again.

If you thought "Edward Scissorhands" and "Beetlejuice" were interesting they're nothing compared to his latest film project "Nightmare Before Christmas."

Burton has created different towns for different seasons.

There's an Eastertown, Christmastown and Halloweentown.

This is where the characters of each season live till it's time for there holiday to be celebrated.

The movie tells the story of Jack Skellington, a disenchanted "Skeleton King" who is bored of celebrating Halloween.

As he travels through the forest he stumbles onto the doorways into the different seasonal towns.

He ends up in Christmastown where he dis-

covers the joys of that season and wants to bring it back to Halloweentown.

Skellington decides this year he'll kidnap Santa Claus and do his job for him.

The only problem is he doesn't realize that you can't mix Halloween traditions with Christmas ones.

The movie is a musical, but the pieces are well done and not too long, keeping the

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Book review

Rice's 'Lasher' worth reading

By Jackie Lowery
Managing Editor

With her novels that explore the supernatural world, Anne Rice is one of the most productive writers today.

The legacy of evil that begun in "The Witching Hour" continues in her latest outing "Lasher."

Rice soars to the outer limits in this book.

Lasher, a spirit, embodies all that is good and evil.

He will induce a variety of emotions in the reader.

His very existence is a threat to all that is good in the world so that enough to keep the reader glued to his seat.

Lasher has haunted the witches of the New Orleans Mayfair family for centuries.

The family has tolerated and entertained him in his many forms for 13 generations but it is not until now that Lasher has become a threat.

He has finally assumed human form.

Right from the beginning, Rice tells the reader that Lasher has abducted Rowan Mayfair from her home on Christmas Day.

Rowan's husband is left half-dead in the Mayfair mansion in New Orleans.

The book has some strange moments but the most powerful yet repulsive moment is when Rowan gives birth to an not-quite human being who comes out her womb fully grown and rapes her right there on the spot.

Unfortunately, Rice does not have Rowan enter the book for the first two hundred pages but her husband, her family and other characters make Rowan's presence known by trying to answer the big question: "Where is Rowan Mayfair and what happen at the Mayfair mansion on Christmas Day?"

While holding Rowan prisoner, Lasher mates with his mother and the other Mayfair women. He then leaves them to

Anne Rice is a master at weaving the threads of a complex plot...

die after finding that they cannot produce miniature versions of him.

If the Mayfairs don't find Rowan and defeat Lasher, he will fulfill his ultimate destiny—to take over the world.

At times the main plot is lost as the story moves from New Orleans to Scotland and back to The Talamasca society in London with personal histories and different characters.

But like all of Rice's novels, "Lasher" is full of interesting characters who provided the reader with depth and insight to what is going on in the book.

For example, there is 13-year old Mona Mayfair who is seduces Rowan's husband, Micheal while having other dreams of seducing all the Mayfair men and starting her own environmentally correct corporation.

Not to mention that she keeps all of her "activities" and the Mayfair family doings in her computer diary.

Anne Rice is a master at weaving the threads of a complex plot.

It gives the reader deeply entangled in the Mayfair/Lasher tapestry.

There is nothing in this book that will disappoint.

If you are a fan or even if you are not, this book is a definite must read.

Money, rest top faculty's list for Christmas

by Yolanda S. Brown
Entertainment Writer
It's that time of year again. It's time to break out the eggnog, the nuts, and the fruit cake.

The crisp cold air is whisking across the country. The leaves are falling off the trees by the dozens. The sun is shining brightly out from the clear blue sky. The green grass has finally decided to rest from growing.

Students across campus

are buckling up for the cold, and buckling down for exams.

Another semester is finally winding down.

Exams are not the only thing on students and professors minds though.

Along with winter-time comes all the spirit and joy of the holidays.

Some people have started accumulating a list of things they want for Christmas.

Some people have a list of things they are going to get

people.

The Johnsonian was interested in finding out what some professors wanted for Christmas.

For those professors who have been nice big boys and girls to their students, Santa might just give them what their wish is.

A few professors just wanted some R&R. Dr. Bobb said, "I want some REST! I would also like to spend some time relaxing with friends."

Dr. Norton had a more traditional wish of having a nice dinner with his family.

The most unusual wish came from Dr. Travis who said, "I want an I.O.U. from Florida State coach, Bobby Bowden, saying he will win the National Championship."

Dr. N. Braswell wishes for "a nice trip somewhere in the mountains or England for Bob and me."

Hint, Hint Dr. R. Braswell! Science professors, Dr. Mitchell wants "a mini refrigerator

for my office," Dr. Dille wishes for "all of my students to get A's," and Dr. Smith would like to have "a new science building."

Everybody but everybody would not mind having what Dr. Sanders wishes for.

He said, "I want a BIG BAG OF MONEY from the state!"

"Will Santa oblige to the professors' wishes?"

Only Christmas day will tell the story.

X does not mark the spot with new release 'Hey Zeus'

by Kaetrena Davis
Entertainment Writer

From what I know about this rock group called 'X,' they are able to put out pretty good music.

This is where that saying "What goes up must come down."

X's CD, titled "Hey Zeus," consists of 11 songs (I think that is what they are called) that sound *exactly alike!*

Let's hear it for creativity! Only about three songs are what I even reluctantly call distinct.

The first track, "Someone's Watching" has a death march

introduction.

The music reflects the title of the song, which is a non-descript ditty about paranoia.

"New Life" would be a successful song if the female vocal (Exone Cervenka) could just stop singing.

The song is sung by Cervenka and male vocal John Doe.

Doe has a voice that is reminiscent of John Mellencamp, and his voice is just right for this song, which is about the down and out in America.

"Arms for Hostages" lyrics read like a poem that only the

writer can analyze.

It is one of the slowest songs on the CD.

That is the extent of the uniqueness of this CD.

For the most part, this CD lacks variety (in the sheer essence of the word).

It is as if someone just put different words to the same tracks at different speeds.

But surely what goes down also might come back up.

I expect that other good music may come from X in the future.

Yeah, sure! X gets nothing but a lightning strike from — Hey, it's Zeus!!

Select few receive Alvin awards

Fun poked at faculty, students, alumnae

by Alvin McEwen
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. No, I don't mean Christmas. This is more important than that holiday.

It's time for (drum roll, please) Alvin's semester end awards.

In keeping with other awards programs which always seem to interrupt the festivities with a boring monologue about the awards themselves, I will tell the freshmen what the Alvin awards are all about.

The Alvin awards poke fun at events, people and trends on Winthrop campus.

Most specifically, it's a way for me to satisfy my huge ego. Now that the nonsense is

out of the way, on with the awards.

The "Ghostbuster supernatural detector" award - Ed Haynes for detecting the ghost of former Vice President of Academic Affairs Daniel Pantaleo rattling his chains in Tillman.

The "Barney the purple dinosaur overexposure" award - all of these grunge wearing Pearl Jammers wannabes on campus.

The "just hold hands and sing we are the world and your anger will go away" award - Cynthia Roddey, Shelia McMillan, and the staff of the Roddey-McMillan Record.

The "official tenure for students" award - all of those stu-

dents who still will not graduate after four years here.

The "the dead has arisen" award - SGA. Where have you all been before this year?

The "get Knute Rockne to give them a pep talk" award - President DiGiorgio.

Well, he needs something to get the faculty motivated.

The "good riddance" award - that silly free speech board in Kinard is gone.

I personally would like to do more, but Lee Belcher, the entertainment editor, is holding a gun to my head and making me end this.

If you like these awards, good.

If you do not, then blame Lee.

NIGHTMARE

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attention on the plot.

The movie is also fast-paced with a lot of action.

There are also many subplots in the movie, such as a romance between Sally, the ragdoll girl, and Skellington.

Another subplot deals with Santa Claus being forced into a dungeon with Satan.

Otherwise known as the Oogie Boogie Man.

The highlight of the movie is the state-of-the-art production.

You find yourself trying to discover a flaw in the way the stop-motion characters are filmed. But you can't.

The movie had 14 animators to its credit and two art directors in the production of the movie.

The soundtrack is also very

well done.

It's arranged and orchestrated by former Oingo-Bongo lead singer Danny Elfman and is very similar to "Beetlejuice."

The movie has unjustly been promoted as a children's film, but don't let that keep you away.

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Eagles win big over bulldogs

Victory pushes men's record to 1-2

by Byron Putman
Sports Editor

The Winthrop Eagles traveled to Winston-Salem, N.C. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 to try an break an four game losing streak against the Demon Deacons.

Unfortunately for the Eagles the Deacons knew how to play solid defense.

Wake Forest outrebounded The Eagles 47-33. They also set a new coliseum record, blocking 12 of Winthrop's shots.

Coach Dan Kenney said, "We were hoping our freshman point players Steve Napper, Todd Lassiter and Chap Steele; would get through their first game as Division 1 players without getting a baptism in icy, cold water. But With 12 blocked shots, the water was far from luke warm.

The Eagles struggled offensively shooting 0-7 from the three point line in the first half, and shot only 35% from the field for the game.

"Obviously we have a long way to go. The offensive execution was less than what we would like to see," said Kenney. "Shooting the way we shot in the first half and put that with 12 turnovers put us in a difficult situation."

Even with this poor outing, the Eagles only trailed the Demon Deacons by 14 points at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the Eagles went almost six minutes without hitting a basket, and Wake pulled away slowly

taking a 17 point lead.

Winthrop was led in scoring by LaShawn Coulter. He scored 16, while Carlo Wilkins added 14.

Wake Forest Coach, Dave Odom said, "We played 30 minutes of pretty good basketball. But that deteriorated rapidly, and you have to give credit to Winthrop."

Going into the game against The University of Central Florida, the Eagles had something they haven't had all year....a height advantage over the opposing team.

After being physically man handled at Wake Forest, it seemed the Eagles would be able to handle a smaller team.

UCF outrebounded Winthrop 56-36, taking advantage of their 32 offensive boards and downed the Eagles 94-85.

"We can't allow teams to have that many chances," said Coach Dan Kenney. "We'd turn up our defense and get them to take a bad shot, but we would let them get too many second chances."

From the game's outset the teams both played hard, as the score was close throughout most of the first half.

Until UCF pull to a slight lead, taking advantage of two consecutive Winthrop turnovers with 7:32 left to go in the first half.

At the end of the first half the Eagles had kept it close cutting the lead of the Golden Knights to three points 41-38.

UCF made their statement on the boards early holding a

halftime rebounding lead 25-20.

Kenney said, "They weren't just satisfied with 13 first half offensive boards, they came out in the second half and grabbed 19 in the second."

In the second half, both teams came out shooting really well from the field.

Keeping the Eagles in the game were Carlo Wilkins, Melvin Branham and LaShawn Coulter.

Wilkins led the Eagles in scoring, for the second straight game, with 18 points.

Branham added 15 points and grabbed a team high 6 rebounds, while Coulter added 17 points.

The Eagles kept it close until the final minutes of the game when Central Florida finally clinched the victory and handed Winthrop it's second loss of the season.

Freshman center, Todd Lassiter made his first start for the Eagles. Kenney said he was trying to add a little more height to the Eagle lineup.

Lassiter said, "Their post players were really strong and they pushed us out of their way."

He said he was nervous at first about starting, but relaxed once the flow of the game started.

Coach Kenney said, "I was really proud of the team's effort."

The Eagles won a much needed game Tuesday night defeating Tennessee Wesleyan 105-82.



Photo by Joel Nichols

Mike Fayed stops a UCF player from driving towards the hoop The Eagles loss to Central Florida 94-85.

Coach Dan Kenney said, "There were some areas that showed much improvement, but Wesleyan isn't the same caliber of teams we'll face this year."

The areas Kenney's referring to are rebounding and offensive execution. Against TWC, the Eagles somewhat found both of these missing ingredients.

Winthrop outrebounded Tennessee Wesleyan 60-38, after being outrebounded themselves by their previous opponents.

Leading the Eagles in rebounding was freshman Steve Napper.

Napper grabbed nine boards and scored 14 points for the Eagles.

"I decided to start Steve in the second half because he was getting after it going hard for rebounds," said Kenney.

Driving the score keeper and statisticians crazy was LaShawn Coulter.

Coulter lit up the starboard for 28 points shooting 11 for 20 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I got a lot of my points on transition shots that were set up by our team's rebounding effort," said Coulter.

Another freshman Chad Steele also played a part in the Eagles' victory.

He scored 13 points and snatched 8 rebounds.

Reserve John Temple came off the bench and sparked the Eagles hitting two 3 point shots back to back.

The fourth Eagle to get in double figures was Melvin Branham, who scored 16 and electrified the crowd with back to back monster dunks.

They will host Queens College on Dec. 15.

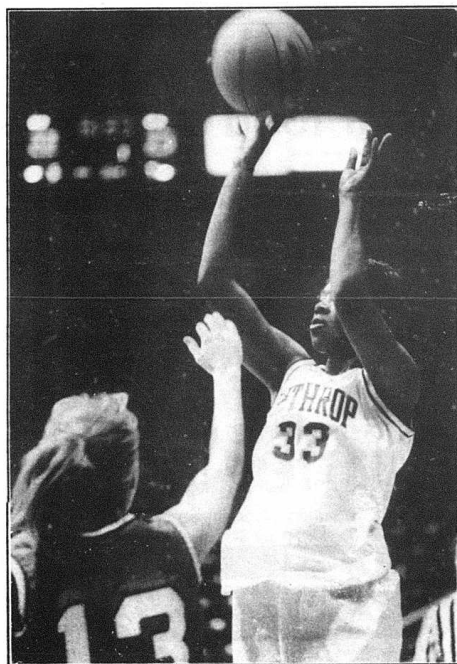


Photo by Joel Nicholes

Whitley shoots for two of her 18 points against Davidson

Determined Lady Eagles edged by scrappy Wildcats

Winthrop fails to capitalize on Davidson mistakes

by Byron Putman
Sports Editor

After dropping their first two games this season, the Lady Eagles were determined to get on the right track, but failing to capitalize on Davidson's mistakes left the Eagles 0-3.

The Eagles also hurt themselves, getting into foul trouble.

Temmy Jones got in foul trouble early in the first half, picking up three fouls and sitting most of the first half.

Muller said, "We need to get Tammy in much better position on the court. Most of her fouls were reaching or over the back fouls."

Despite playing only 26 minutes, Jones still scored 13 points and took 7 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles stayed close to the scrappy Wildcats, as the teams had several lead changes and ties throughout the game.

Davidson 76

Winthrop 72

"I feel good about the way we played," said Coach Robin Muller. "We outplayed them across the board."

The Lady Eagles outrebounded Davidson 45-36, with Carman Thomas leading the team's way grabbing a career best 16 boards. Thomas also added 14 points.

Revonda Whitley led Winthrop in scoring for the second straight outing. She scored 18, shooting five of 14 from the field and eight of 11 from the free throw line.

"Once again Revonda stepped up again for us," Muller said. "But we still need our guards to shoot the ball

more from the perimeter."

The Lady Eagles only attempted 2 three-pointers in the game, shooting 1-2 from the three-point stripe. Davidson hit five of eight from the three-point circle.

Even though three Lady Eagles fouled out of the game, Winthrop still had five players in double figures. Kara Harkness and Kathi Weaver scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

Losing two players in the preseason has left the team with just nine players on the roster.

"We are improving as a team," Coach Muller said. "This offense is new to these kids. They are just learning where the shots should come from."

The Lady Eagles have a couple of weeks off before they face Big South Conference opponent Towson St. on Dec. 17, on the road.

Slam dunk, 3-point contest coming to Winthrop Coliseum

by Byron Putman
Sports Editor

The Final Four is coming to Rock Hill... Well not exactly, but the 6th Annual College Basketball Slam Dunk & 3 point shooting Championship, that's part of the Final Four festivities, will be held at Winthrop University's Coliseum.

ESPN, The total sports network, will carry the event live.

The best senior slam dunkers and three point shooters are selected to participate by national newspaper writers, college coaches, NBA scouts and NCAA season statisticians.

There will also be an "obstacle course" shootout between the men and women participants of the Slam Dunk & 3 Point Shooting contest.

Charles Besser, President of Intersport Television said, "We don't believe there has been another event where the best college men and women

players in the nation participate in a shootout challenge."

The Slam Dunk Champion is determined by the viewers in a 900 telephone poll. The field of eight dunkers is narrowed down to two finalist by a panel of judges, consisting of nationally recognized college basketball coaches.

Legendary College Basketball Analyst, Dick "Diaper Dandy" Vitale, who is best known for his on-air "Vitale-isms", that consist of "Hey coach, you need a T.O. baby", "He's a PTP'er, a Dow Joneser", will host the televised event.

Vitale is a member of the Naismith and Wooden Awards selection committees. These committees select the top collegiate basketball player/players in the country. He is also a voting member of the Associated Press vote for the Top 25 college basketball team.

Vitale has been a sports analyst for ABC sports since

1988 and has covered many basketball events including the NBA Finals and the 1992 Summer Olympics for ABC radio.

Joining Vitale for the contest is ESPN commentator Tim Brando.

Brando has been with ESPN since 1985 as a freelance commentator, giving play by play for NCAA basketball.

Brando is one of ESPN's most versatile commentators covering Marathons, college baseball and gymnastics telecasts as well as many others.

Ticket sales are going well said Winthrop University sports Information Director Jack Frost, "I expect they will sell out before Christmas."

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Freshmen players filling big shoes

Young post players getting valuable playing time and experience

by Byron Putman
Sports Editor

While being recruited by several colleges and universities, Todd Lassiter, Steve Napper and Chad Steele, knew if they came to Winthrop they would be expected to make an immediate impact here.

Coach Dan Kenney said, "They knew coming in, they would have an excellent opportunity to play immediately in a NCAA Division I school, not many freshmen get that chance at this level."

Lassiter, from Campbell High School in Smyrna, GA, is a player Kenney's relying on to help add depth to the post position.

In his three year basketball career at Campbell, Lassiter help guide them to consecutive visits Georgia State Tournaments and capture two Region 5, Class 4-AAAA championships.

Last summer, He was named one of the top 16 players at the highly acclaimed Metro Index Basketball Camp at Randolph-Macon College.

At this camp Lassiter also won the Slam Dunk contest.

"Being able to play right away influenced my decision to come here," said Lassiter. "I didn't want to go to another school where I couldn't contribute."

Lassiter was also recruited by Tulane, George Mason, William & Mary and The Citadel.

Todd plans on majoring in Physical Therapy or Sports Medicine.

Napper is majoring in Health Administration.

Napper, from Damatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, MD.

He is expected to add size and physical play to the Eagle line-up.

"Steve comes from a school with very rich tradition and reputation," said Kenney.

"We feel good about signing Napper, who we feel will make a major contribution in our program before his career is completed."

During his high school career as a junior, Napper hit two free throws in the final seconds of overtime to give Damatha its 27th Washington D.C. city championship.

Napper said, "I came to Winthrop to help the team win. Everybody wants to play and score, but I just want to contribute to a team victory."

Steele, comes to Winthrop from Leavenworth High School in Ft. Leavenworth, KS, where as a senior he helped lead his team to the quarter finals of the Kansas 6-AAAAAA state tournament.

Steele averaged 13 points and 9.7 rebounds per game as a high school senior.

He was named most valuable player in his conference and was selected to the All-Area first team and All-State second team.

In addition to these honors, Steele also played in the High School All-Star Classic in Kansas City.

"Chad will improve our team's athleticism," Coach Kenney said.

"He is very quick in running the floor and is a very active defensive player."

Steele chose Winthrop over VMI, Texas-San Antonio, West Point Military Academy, and UNC Greensboro.

Steele plans on majoring in History.

The Johnsonian picks fall's most valuable athletes

by Byron Putman
Sports Editor



Blake

When it came time to pick the Male Most Valuable Athlete, fall sports.

Freshman Robbie Blake has been selected as the recipient of this award. Blake, who plays soccer, made the first team All Big South Tournament Team, was named Big South Rookie of the Year, and was ranked as high as 18th in southeast soccer players.

In addition, Blake also lead the Eagles in scoring, making 14 goals in just 18 games while adding three as-

sist. The Winthrop soccer program has a bright future ahead with Blake leading the way for the next three years.

Honorable Mention:

Antonio Hanna (Cross Country), Ian Cardey, Pat Long, Tim Dean, Gary Baker and Shane Sallie (Soccer).

Women

The female winner comes from the Lady Eagles Volleyball team, which had a disappointing season, but some great individual performances.

La Shonna Robinson has been selected as The Johnsonian's 1993 Most Valuable Female Athlete, Fall Sports.

Robinson led the Lady Eagle volleyball team in kills 14 out of 25 matches, having a career high total of 253, aver-

aging 2.3 kills per outing.

LaShonna also finished second in the team's digs charts.

She recorded, another career high, 345 digs this season averaging 3.2 digs per contest.

Robinson

The Lady Eagles will definitely be depending on LaShonna, along with the other rising seniors to help lead the volleyball team to a great year in the Big South Conference play.

Honorable Mention:

Sarah Lord, Erin Prather, Julie Covington and Susie Ritter (Volleyball) Sara Teets and Kelly Perkins (Cross Country).

Recreational Sports Update

In the women's final of the Intramural 6 on 6 Volleyball tournament the Smashers placed first with their win over Las Mamasitas 9-11, 12-10 and 11-7. Team Sparky took top honors in the men's division with scores of 11-3 and 11-9 over SAE 1.

In the Schick Super Hoops women's final the Aloes posted a 34 to 30 victory over MYK. The Posse recorded a 34 to 29 win over the Four Horsemen for the men's title.

The men's campus championship flag football game was played on Nov. 22. Playing for top honors in the contest were PIKE Gold and Sigma Phi Ep-

silon. The game went down to the wire with PIKE gold winning by a score of 36 to 26. The women's flag football champion was decided Nov. 30. ZTA and the Hail Marys squared off in the title game. A game that saw ZTA up by two points at the half ended with them taking the title by a score of 22-8.

The Raquetball singles tournament ended earlier this week. Ran Ferszt won the Tuesday-Thursday title match over Rich Gridley. Ali Benchekri took the Monday-Wednesday title with his win over Nick Savastano. In the championship match Benchekri defeated Ferszt.

Nets were blazing in the final round of the free throw contest held. Nov. 22. Scott McCall finished first with a perfect 15 for 15. Jermaine Miller finished second in shooting 14 out of 15. In the 3 point hot shot contest held later that same evening, Bryan Cain shot a blistering 10 of 15 from three point land. Chris Jernigan was the eventual second place finisher after previously being tied with Brett Martzke and Brad Johnson for that spot with 9 threes.

Submitted by Grant Scurry, Director of Recreational Sports, Division of Student Life.

The Johnsonian Top 25 NCAA Basketball Polls

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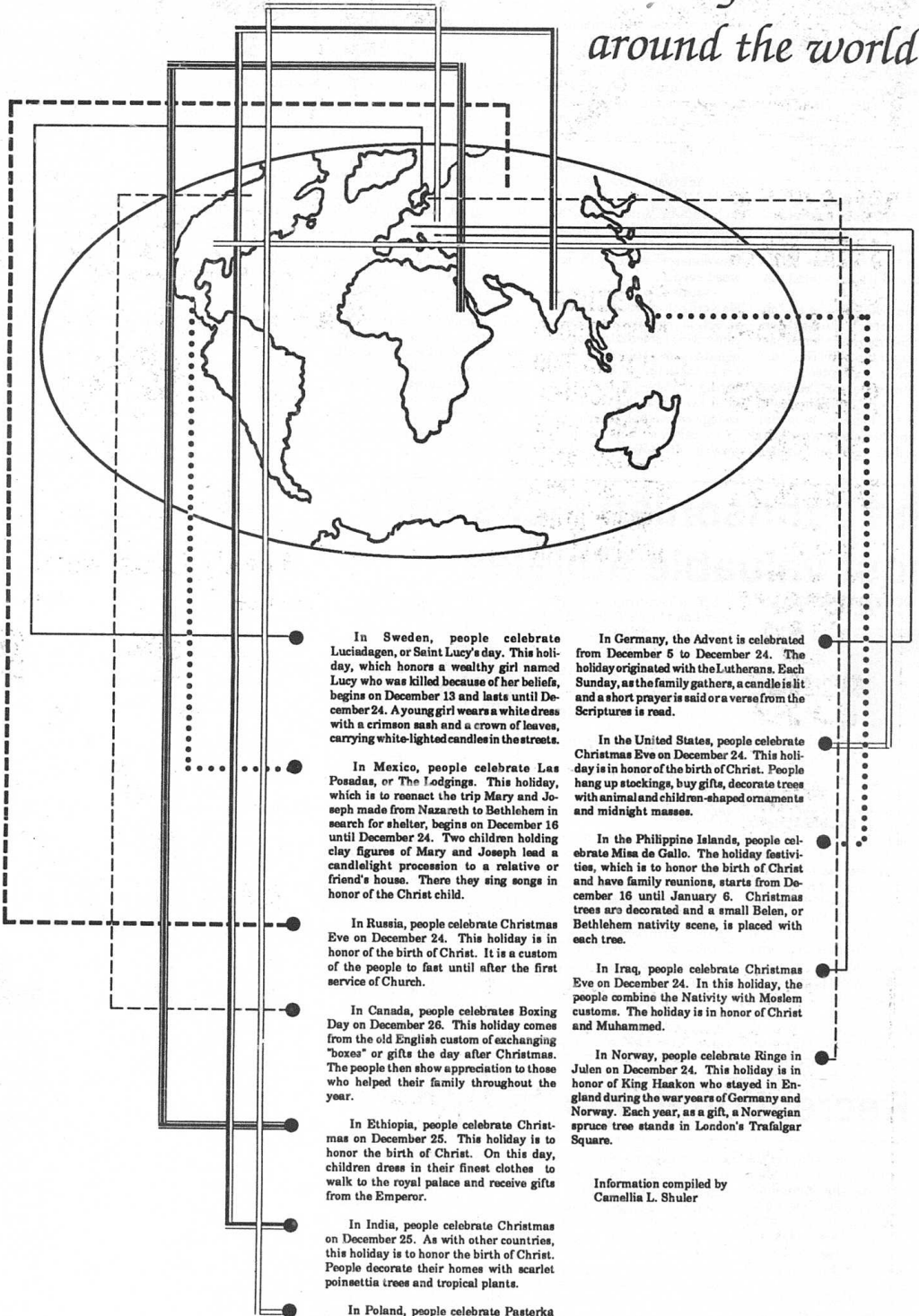
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2. Kansas
3. Michigan
4. North Carolina
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7. Temple
8. Massachusetts
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12. Minnesota
13. Purdue
14. California
15. Oklahoma St.
16. UCLA
17. George Washington
18. Illinois
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20. Virginia
21. Cincinnati
22. Vanderbilt
23. Florida St.
24. Arizona
25. Georgetown

Women

1. Tennessee
2. Texas Tech
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21. George Washington
22. Mississippi
23. Purdue
24. Maryland
25. Oklahoma St.

Compiled by The Johnsonian sports staff

Holiday tradition around the world



In Sweden, people celebrate Luciadagen, or Saint Lucy's day. This holiday, which honors a wealthy girl named Lucy who was killed because of her beliefs, begins on December 13 and lasts until December 24. A young girl wears a white dress with a crimson sash and a crown of leaves, carrying white-lighted candles in the streets.

In Mexico, people celebrate Las Posadas, or The Lodgings. This holiday, which is to reenact the trip Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search for shelter, begins on December 16 until December 24. Two children holding clay figures of Mary and Joseph lead a candlelight procession to a relative or friend's house. There they sing songs in honor of the Christ child.

In Russia, people celebrate Christmas Eve on December 24. This holiday is in honor of the birth of Christ. It is a custom of the people to fast until after the first service of Church.

In Canada, people celebrate Boxing Day on December 26. This holiday comes from the old English custom of exchanging "boxes" or gifts the day after Christmas. The people then show appreciation to those who helped their family throughout the year.

In Ethiopia, people celebrate Christmas on December 25. This holiday is to honor the birth of Christ. On this day, children dress in their finest clothes to walk to the royal palace and receive gifts from the Emperor.

In India, people celebrate Christmas on December 25. As with other countries, this holiday is to honor the birth of Christ. People decorate their homes with scarlet poinsettia trees and tropical plants.

In Poland, people celebrate Pasterka on December 25. This holiday is to honor the life of Christ. In each home, there are 12 meals made for each apostle. The people leave a seat empty at the table for a stranger who comes.

In Germany, the Advent is celebrated from December 5 to December 24. The holiday originated with the Lutherans. Each Sunday, as the family gathers, a candle is lit and a short prayer is said or a verse from the Scriptures is read.

In the United States, people celebrate Christmas Eve on December 24. This holiday is in honor of the birth of Christ. People hang up stockings, buy gifts, decorate trees with animal and children-shaped ornaments and midnight masses.

In the Philippine Islands, people celebrate Misa de Gallo. The holiday festivities, which is to honor the birth of Christ and have family reunions, starts from December 16 until January 6. Christmas trees are decorated and a small Belen, or Bethlehem nativity scene, is placed with each tree.

In Iraq, people celebrate Christmas Eve on December 24. In this holiday, the people combine the Nativity with Moslem customs. The holiday is in honor of Christ and Muhammed.

In Norway, people celebrate Ringe in Julen on December 24. This holiday is in honor of King Haakon who stayed in England during the war years of Germany and Norway. Each year, as a gift, a Norwegian spruce tree stands in London's Trafalgar Square.

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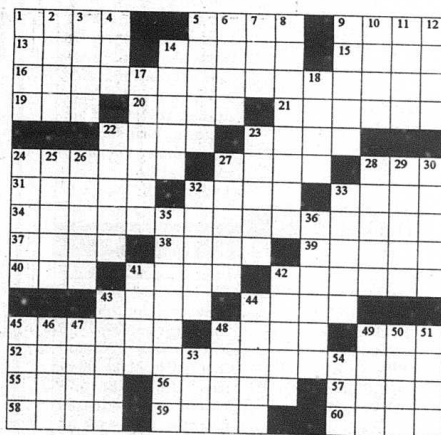
Weekly Crossword

" Santa Claus et al "

By Gerry Frey

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- Senate gopher
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 - Ocean liners
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 - Santa's City, Boat, Race Track
 - Vat
 - Stitches
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 - Fire capper Red
 - Prisoner's room
 - Italian coin
 - Santa's City, Wind, Saint
 - Against
 - Table scraps
 - City in New York
 - Angeles lead-in
 - Spanish cat
 - Rejects
 - Comfort
 - Spinning toys
 - Small piano
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 - Deli order
 - Santa's Island, City
 - Actor Baldwin
 - Geeky
 - "Beware the ___ of March"
 - Bird bed
 - Girls
 - Bold

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- Treaty
 - Civil rights org.
 - Snatch
 - Ever to Poe
 - Bandleader Artie & family
 - Broadcasts



- Troy, NY College
- Spanish queen
- French artist
- Opera solo
- Makes lace
- Narrow flat strip
- Pintail ducks
- "Ad astra per ___": Kan-sas motto
- Italian river
- Excuse
- Ovens
- Group of conspirators
- Bell town
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